



Patent Application No. 10/518,406
Docket No. 10404/17

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : Yukihiro Abe, et al.
Group Art Unit : 1774
Application No. : 10/518,406
Examiner : Edwards
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For : HIGHLY DURABLE POLYBENZAZOLE COMPOSITION,
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action of December 11, 2007, the Examiner restricted between the following three groups:

- I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a polybenzazole composition.
- II. Claims 5 and 7-23, drawn to a fiber, etc.
- III. Claim 6 drawn to a film.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-4), drawn to a polybenzazole composition.

The Examiner further requires an election of species, however Applicants believe this is improper in a national stage application. The rules of Unity of Invention apply to this application, and a species election is not part of this practice (37 CFR 1.499).



The Examiner also requires an English translation of two foreign patent documents. The English abstracts were previously submitted. According to the 37 CFR 1.98, the Applicants are not required to provide a full translation if the Applicants do not have one in his possession. However, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants' provide a machine translation of these two references from the JPO website.


In the event that the filing of this paper is deemed not timely, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Although no fees are believed to be due, the Office may charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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